



SFA Indian Nations Chapter 32/50
1715 Spoke Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73108

MINUTES 11 JUNE 2022

SFA Chapter 32-50 met at the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Headquarters, 2101 NE 36th Street, Oklahoma City, OK, on Sat., 11 June 2022, at 1200 hours.

Officers Present

President: Jack Farr
Vice President: Ray Williams
Secretary: Charles Watts
Treasurer: Jerry Cooper
Quartermaster: Rick Cacini
Website/Medals Administrator: Jerry Cooper
Assistant Treasurer/Chaplain: Dick Goodman
Assistant Secretary: Pat Carr

Officers Absent

Assistant Treasurer: Ron Siegman

Following a delicious lunch provided by the Ladies Auxiliary, President Jack Farr called the meeting to order at 1200 hours.

Chaplain Dick Goodman led the Lord's Prayer.

Vice President Ray Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rafael Elias played, and the members sang the Ballad of the Green Beret.

Guests

New member, Dr. John Braden, brought his son, who he introduced. J.O. Dickey brought former 12th SFGA member, Arthur Linville, who was also a legendary agent for the OSBI. J.O. told a supposedly true story about an AT deployment of yesteryear to California, where he and Art spent the whole exercise on the beach. Despite a bad influence like J.O. Dickey, hopefully Art will return and join our Chapter. Historian/MAJ (Ret.) Joe Todd was again present to promote his video recordings of combat veterans. Chapter friend, Johnny McCharen, was also present. Those present voted unanimously to bestow honorary memberships on both Joe Todd and Johnny McCharen. Larry Wilhite was present following treatment for cancer.

Ladies Auxiliary Report

Ladies Auxiliary President Shirley Williams announced that today's lunch was the last in the ladies' experiment of serving a meal at every meeting. Not only has meal preparation been an enormous burden but disrupting the meeting to eat before we even got started played tricks with our agenda. If anyone can find a pizza company that is willing to deliver to the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Headquarters, at the conclusion of our meetings, we might try again.

The Ladies Auxiliary conducted drawings for presentation of two gift baskets to SFA members, Pat Carr, and Bud Williams. COL Jim Selders and Rock Taylor won commemorative yard stones.

Shirley announced that the ladies have voted to meet once a quarter, instead of every month. Their next meeting will be the Thanksgiving luncheon, at Madison's Restaurant.

Treasurer's Report:

Jerry Cooper asked to be appointed Treasurer, and Dick Goodman, who has performed all tasks in an excellent manner, agreed. With the blessing of the Executive Committee, Jim Selders' moved, seconded by David Laukot, to make Jerry Cooper Treasurer, and Dick Goodman Assistant Treasurer. The motion was unanimously approved, and Jerry Cooper is our new Treasurer.

Dick Goodman gave Ron Siegman's 31 May 2022, Report:

Checking account	\$3,385.86
Medals account	\$8,155.57
Green Beret Benevolent Fund	\$2,704.00
Total	\$14,245.43

Charles Watts' motion to approve the Treasurer's report, which was seconded by David Laukat, passed unanimously.

Medals Report

Jerry Cooper reported the sale of 549 medals since 1 Jan 2022, with 1,874 medals still in Inventory. We have earned \$4,134 net profit. Thirty two percent of SFA chapters have purchased medals through Chapter 32-50's program. There is \$8156 in the medals account. Doug Warden, Jerry Cooper, Frank Rickard, and Butch Graham traveled far and wide to present medals to ROTC/JROTC cadets.

Oklahoma Veterans Council Report

Rick Cacini reported that U.S. Rep Stephanie Bice was recognized by the Oklahoma State Veterans Council for her contributions to veterans.

Quartermaster Report

Sarge Cronic turned over his inventory of insignia and Special Forces memorabilia to Rick Cacini, who conducted a sale of the items at the meeting.

Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain Dick Goodman presented the following devotional:

Memorial Day has come and gone. I was wanting to send the Chaplain's Corner before the holiday but got not only writer's block, but also kept having apparent Senior Moments, with an occasional brain fart in between. It seems that, with all that's going on in this world right now, and especially in our wonderful republic, that I simply couldn't decide what to say that would be appropriate for the times. I didn't want to be political or step on anyone's toes. As time went by, I realized that I had the wrong attitude.

Consider all the brave men and women who have given their lives for this magnificent country, only to have done that in vain to some degree, because many of the people they fought for are arguing, blaming others and trying to take away what was earned for them by these gallant warriors from the 1700's to the 2000's, in battles, wars, conflicts and numerous other endeavors that tried to rob our citizens of the rights given us by God himself! "Oh, by God himself" some say. Yes, by God himself.

I'm talking about the Bill of Rights. The Bill of Rights is derived from the Magna Carta (1215), where the English Bill of Rights (1689) was originated. The American Bill of Rights, in 1791, with leadership by Jefferson and James Madison, was adopted and added to our Constitution. Our Bill of rights is considered to be "Inalienable", which means they were originated by God himself for all mankind. Our country is the only one on planet Earth which has these God given rights guaranteed in our constitution. Since we have these rights originating from God himself, no man can take them away from us, unless we, as a people, go against God's plan for this nation and allow them to do so. This, my friends is the main reason our warriors gave their lives for this country, so their children, grandchildren, and the rest of us can live in the peace and God given security this nation enjoys.

We, as veterans, understand why this glorious freedom must be preserved. Most of us have combat experience and have witnessed first-hand just how easily something can be lost. God did not give us such a precious gift, only to be squandered by those who want power for themselves. Remember- man cannot steal from us what God has given us, unless we don't value it enough to keep it at ALL costs! Always remember our fallen hero warriors. Always remember this:

“You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.” Galatians 5:13

Old Business

SFA National has elected/reelected officers, with the slate remaining mostly the same. The National SFA Convention will be in Colorado Springs, 20-24 Sep 2022.

Historian/MAJ (Ret.) Joe Todd was present to remind us that he is continuing to record videos of combat veterans. He recently recorded a lengthy interview with Ellis Edwards.

After hosting a reunion lunch in Tulsa for former members of ODA 213, Rock Taylor is under the weather, and unable to attend today’s meeting.

Jim Selders’ motion to approve the meeting minutes for 9 Apr 2022, seconded by Ray Williams, was unanimously approved.

New Business

The Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame induction banquet is scheduled Sun, 9 OCT 2022, at the Embassy Suites, in Norman. **(Are you sure this is on Sun, not Sat?)**

50/50 Raffle

Charles Watts won \$75 in the 50/50 raffle, which he donated back to the Chapter. Those who wish to participate in the 50/50 drawing should bring small bills. Five dollars buys six tickets.

Our Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be Saturday, 9 Jul 2022, at the Oklahoma County Sheriff’s Headquarters (former Krause USAR Ctr & HQ for Co. A, 2d Bn, 12th SFGA), 2101 NE 36th Street, Oklahoma City. The building is just east of Martin Luther King Blvd, which runs north south. The entrance to parking is on the north side of NE 36th Street. The social hour begins at 1100 hours, and the business meeting begins at 1200 hrs. Please remember the building has no bar or refreshments.

De Oppresso Liber,

Charles J. Watts
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Secretary